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Kathy Hamel
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RE: NPDES Permit to control Japanese Eelgrass on Willapa Bay

Dear Ms. Hamel:

Since 1986 I have been a permanent resident of Oysterville. Until the past 6-7 years I could dig bay clams in tide flats off Oysterville. Grass in these flats has grown so dense that harvesting clams is no longer possible. Surface composition of the flats has also changed and fewer waterfowl are coming to feed because of the infestation of dense a vegetation mat covering their food source.

I endorse the application of Imazamox as quickly as possible to curtail the present high rate of expansion of Japanese Eelgrass and its destructive consequences in the bay.

Sincerely,

Michael Parker